



[356th PCC Meeting]

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Present: Geoff Lynn, Lee Kindness, Sean Watters, Miranda Hirst, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Frazer McNaughton, Madeline Begg, Colin Cuthbert, Esther Clayton, Elaine Murray, Catherine Etoe (Brighton and Rosefield Residents Association).

Apologies: Justin Kendrick, Onyema Ibe (Towerbank Parent Council), Cllr Callum Laidlaw.

In Attendance: Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Kate Campbell, Cllr Mary Campbell, and members of the public.

356.1 Chairs Welcome

Miranda Hirst welcomed everyone to the meeting.

356.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes were agreed.

356.3 Police report

No police in attendance at tonight's meeting.

356.4 Pitz Sale – Update on developments

The action Party event was held over the previous weekend at Portobello Town Hall. 385 members of the public attended on the first day, and 170 on the second. Action Party are currently collating the results of the event, but the CEC's preferred bid decision has been put back until June 2018 and Action Party feel they have workable models that they would like to put to CEC.

A meeting with Will Garrett - CEC senior planner – and representatives from Action Party is due to take place next Wednesday 4th April. CEC seem keen to work with the community. In the meantime, Action Party are working on a report to put to CEC/Scottish Government.

A member of the public suggested that a one page email could be sent to the attendees of the weekend Action Party event so that they could keep up with recent developments.

Actions: Frazer agreed to compose email and also to post in noticeboards.



356.5 Signs and Plaques

It was suggested initially that the Signs and Plaques Committee was a sub-committee of Portobello Community Council, but through the course of some discussion it transpired that the Sign's and Plaques Committee are a stand-alone group that are connected to the PCC for insurance purposes. The PCC along with the Amenities society have historically looked after the boards financially.

There was some discussion around the relevance of the information on the signs, but it was clear that the SPC were not looking to change either the information on the signs, or the original artwork, despite expertise from Esther Clayton in this area (and previous PCC member Claire Slifer). Celia Butterworth's hard work over the years with the SPC and the boards themselves was also noted by a member of the public.

The relevance of whether the PCC was still best placed to be involved with the Sign's and Plaques Committee was brought into question, but no clear conclusion drawn especially on the issue of how the insurance relationship worked.

356.6 Local Development Plan

CEC waiting for a structure plan to be finalised before they can finalise the Local Development Plan. A 'main issues' report is due in September and they are looking at a more pro-active way of gathering information. Only the key stakeholders have been involved in the initial discussions, but the idea is to have the LDP implemented by autumn 2020. The next stakeholder meeting is due to take place in the summer.

356.8 Friends of the Prom

The last Friends of the Prom meeting was not as well attended as had hoped, but Mary suggested that they have lots of information that needs to be whittled down before their next meet, so they can move forward.

356.9 Brighton Place Setts

CEC have responded to PCC's request for more information on the re-setting of Brighton Place. Sean Gilchrist, Planning & Development Manager, confirmed the council's proposal to take 60 weeks to complete the works. These are due to take place over 4 phases, maintaining local access and the diversion of buses from Brighton Place (which LRT are already aware of).

There is no start date for the project as yet.

Actions: Miranda to draft another letter for more detail.



355.10 Other reports

a. Treasurer's Report – see attached. Accounts expected to be signed off tomorrow.

b. Neighbourhood partnership – Agenda Planning meeting due to take place on the 16th of April and sub groups are still meeting and making decisions. The You Decide grants have all now been distributed.

Actions: Sean agreed to attend Thursday's Community Planning meeting.

c. Planning – The Treverlen Park planning application was approved and a stop sign is to be erected at Harry Lauder Road.

d. Joppa Community Tennis Club – AGM took place last month and JCTC plan an Open Day on Saturday the 12th of May from 1pm – 5pm. JCTC are currently involved in Community Payback project, where people doing Community Service come to help with upkeep jobs like painting or grass cutting.

e. Councillors – Cllr Mary Campbell recently met with someone with an event's company keen to run a mini festival on the Harbour Green land on the prom. The intention is that it runs for ten days in June/July 2018, from the 28th to the 8th.

Cllr Kate Campbell is currently looking at potential options for road crossings at Aldi and ways to slow the traffic down on the Harry Lauder Road. The new development at Jameson's Gait is shaking when buses pass and as a result, the road is due to be resurfaced within the next month.

356.11 AOB

A company who supply advertising drums have been in touch to see if they would be something suitable for use in Portobello, although planning permission would be required.

There was a suggestion that there were plans for shipping containers to be set up near the golf course to provide space for artists.

The 356th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council is to be held on Monday the 30th of April 2018 at 7.30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 Portobello High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 28th May (357)
 Monday 25th June (358)

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